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SUBJECT: SSOD: UK DRAFT ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1. UK SSOD DEL OFF (KENYON) HAS PASSED TO US FOR COMMENT
TEXT WHICH HE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE SHORTLY IN NUCLEAR
ISSUES CONTACT GROUP AS A COMPROMISE TEXT FOR THE NON-USE
SECTION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION (PP. 28-29 OF PREPCOM
REPORT). UK REP MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON HIS TEXT (1)
THE INCLUSION OF TERM "INTER ALIA" IN PARA 2 IS INTENDED
TO IMPLY THAT A NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT WILL BE PART
OF AN ULTIMATE AGREEMENT ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMA-
MENT; (2) PARA 4 IS BASED ON, THOUGH NOT IDENTICAL TO, US
NEGATIVE. SECURITY ASSURANCE FORMULATION; (3) PARA 4
MAY HAVE TO BE DRAFTED IN A LESS PRECISE WAY, WITH THE
PRECISE NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCE FORMULATIONS OF EACH
NWS BEING PLACED IN A FOOT NOTE. (4) IT MAY BE PREFER-
ABLE TO INVERT THE ORDER OF PARAS 4 AND 5.

2. DEL FINDS UK TEXT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. AND, IN ABSENCE
OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, WILL SUPPORT IT IN CONTACT
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GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

3. UK TEXT FOLLOWS:
PREVENTION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ELIMINATION OF
THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR

THE MOST EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE AGAINST THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR

WAR AND THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
AND THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THIS SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED AND SHOULD CULMINATE IN A
DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT BANNING INTER ALIA THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH
SHOULD BE ADHERED TO BY ALL STATES.

SO LONG AS NUCLEAR WEAPONS EXIST AND BEARING IN MIND THE
POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING RESULTS OF NUCLEAR WAR TO BELLI-
GERENTS AND NON-BELLIGERENTS ALIKE, THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
STATES HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO UNDERTAKE MEASURES
SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT PREVENTING THE RISK OF THE OUTBREAK
OF SUCH A WAR.

THEY SHOULD GIVE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL NOT
USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST STATES PARTIES TO THE NON-
PROLIFERATION TREATY OR STATES WHICH HAVE GIVEN ANY
COMPARABLE BINDING INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT NOT TO PRODUCE
OR ACQUIRE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND WHICH ARE NOT
ALLIED TO, OR ASSOCIATED WITH, A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE.
THEY SHOULD UNDERTAKE THAT THEY WILL NEVER USE NUCLEAR
WEAPONS AGAINST ANY STATE EXCEPT IN SELF-DEFENCE UNDER THE
MOST EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES OF SELF-DEFENCE I.E. IN CASE
OF AN ACTUAL ARMED ATTACK ON THEMSELVES, THEIR TERRITORY,
THEIR ARMED FORCES OR THEIR ALLIES.
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THEY SHOULD MAINTAIN AND WHEREVER NECESSARY IMPROVE THEIR
EXISTING ORGANISATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
GUARDING AGAINST THE ACCIDENTAL OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNDER THEIR CONTROL. THEY SHOULD ALSO,
WHERE THEY HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS CON-
CERNING MEASURES TO DIMINISH AND AVERT THE DANGER OF
NUCLEAR WAR.

ALL STATES SHOULD ENSURE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PRINCIPLE THAT FORCE SHOULD NOT BE USED IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS. THIS CAN BE REALISED THROUGH FULL COMPLIANCE
WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH PROHIBITS
THE USE OF ANY WEAPONS, NUCLEAR OR CONVENTIONAL, EXCEPT
FOR INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENCE. YOUNG

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